

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 7, 10-13, 15, 16, 19, 20, 22-30, 32-36, 38, 40, 42, and 43 remain in the application. Claims 1 and 12 have been amended. Claims 9 and 14 have been canceled.

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The office action dated April 7, 2003 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

In the Office Action, claims 1-5, 7, 9-16, 19-20, 22-30, 32-36, 38, 40, and 42-43 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,335,776 to Kim et al. (hereinafter “’776 patent”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,462,798 to Kim et al. (hereinafter “’798 patent”).

The rejection of claims 1 and 12 is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. Claims 1 and 12 are allowable over the cited references in that each of these claims recites a combination of elements including, for example, “a storage electrode overlapping a common-auxiliary electrode in a pixel region neighboring the pixel region in the second direction”. None of the cited references including the ‘776 patent and the ‘798 patent, singly or in combination, teaches or suggests at least this feature of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 and 12 and claims 2-5, 7, 9-11 and claims 13-16, 19-20, 22-30, 32-36, 38, 40, and 42-43, which depend from claims 1 and 12 respectively, are allowable over the cited references.

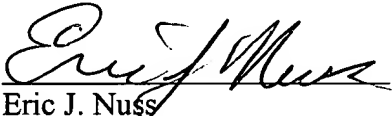
Applicants believe the foregoing amendments place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the

undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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